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# History Association Notes

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jerry Cerkanowicz

There is not a lot to report since the last issue. Work could not continue on our little building because several members of our Board of Directors, myself included, were on vacation or just out of town. The Board will be meeting on March 6th to assemble this newsletter and will decide on the colors and employ the painter. I apologize for the recent delay in our project, but decided that there was no reason to rush at this stage.

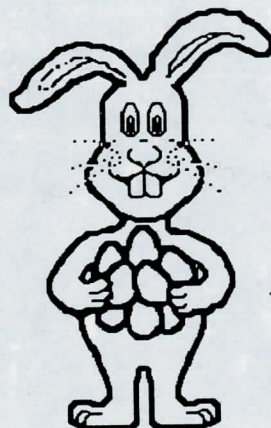
Speaking of our project, I failed to acknowledge in our last issue a wonderful award of \$500.00 to our Building Fund from the Point Richmond Business Association and the Masquers. This money represents our share of funds from the Indian Statue Day Raffle, thanks to everyone, both the contributors and organizers of the successful event.

I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Ronnie Turner, daughter of Donna and Rosie Roselius. My heart goes out to her family.

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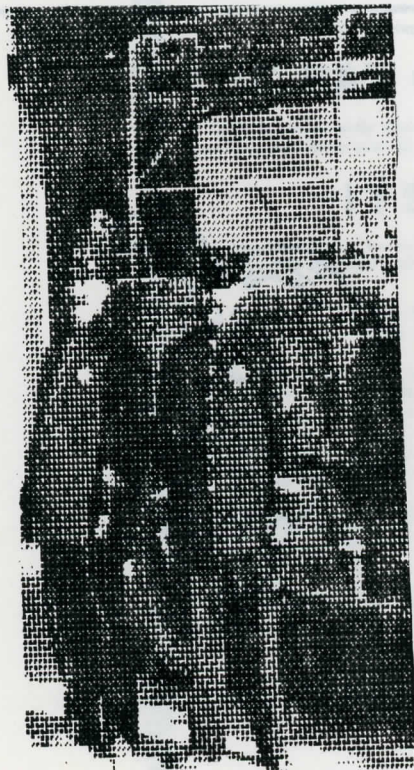


Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships:

JOHN & BARBARA VINCENT  
MAE MANDL  
ANNA BOOTH  
C.F. HOCHGESANG  
ALICE NELSON  
GRACE & JERRY CERKANOWICZ  
SHEILA FOSTIAK  
FRANK D. LOPEZ  
AL & HELENE FROSINI

And a warm welcome to new member:

ARLINE RODINI HARTMAN



Translating another language to English can be tricky, here are some actual examples:

*\*Sign in a Bucharest hotel lobby:*

*The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.*

*\*Sign in the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from an Orthodox monastery:*

*You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.*

*\*From the Soviet Weekly:*

*There will be a Moscow Exhibition of Acts by 15,000 Soviet painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.*

*\*On the menu of a Polish hotel:*

*Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.*

*\*Sign in an Austrian hotel catering to skiers:*

*Do not perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.*



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TOM POWERS  
INDIAN STATUE DAY RAFFLE

# editors notes.....

BY GARY SHOWS

First of all, thanks to our newsletter staff for getting your materials to me so timely. I took a short vacation and didn't have quite as much time to spend on the publication.

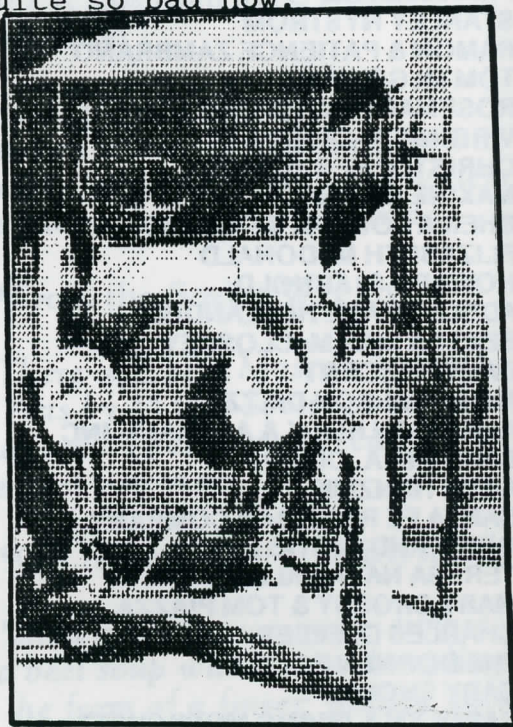
As I mentioned (and as I am sure you noticed) I have been having problems with our old offset printing machine. The repairman has practically condemned the poor thing, as a partial overhaul would cost nearly \$3000.00! We have decided to have this issue commercially printed and decide later how to produce future issues. The newsletter is the heart of our organization and I will do everything that I can do to keep it coming and on schedule. Anyone with any suggestions, equipment or help call me at 235-1336.

In this issue you will find surprise contributions from Dorothy Lipp and Al Franco, both sharing their memories of the old Point with us. Also, part 2 of Dr. Thompson's "Childhood Memories of the Point Richmond Triangle" is of course included along with our usual interesting staff reports. You may have noticed by the cover and some of the pictures in this issue that I did get my computer scanner,

I'm still learning to use it.

The deadline for the April issue is March 22nd, It sure helps me when this deadline is met.

I finished last month's issue while looking through my window at pouring rain. I finish this one the same way! Maybe the drought won't be quite so bad now.



*Police Chief Jimmy Arnold next to his patrol car, taken in 1914*

## The Cover:

Scanned picture of (from left to right) Dewey Pizzotti, Don Church and Emmitt McLaughlin. The picture was taken in 1921 at Kozy Kove.



# SENIOR NEWS

By Muriel C. Clausen

Last month I reported that there would be an election in March for our new CSL (California Senior Legislator). A minor change has been made due to the fact that we needed at least three persons to run for the office and we had only two volunteers. Instead of an election this year the offices will be filled by appointment. The two who applied, Bill Burns and John Anderson will continue in their roles; Bill as California Senior Senator and John as California Senior Assemblyman. Two persons have offered to fill the third position if it is by appointment. These two persons will be interviewed by the CSL Election Committee of the Area Agency on Aging. One of them will be selected to fill the final California Senior Assembly seat. This selection must be approved by a vote of the Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging; and this will occur at their meeting on the third Wednesday in March. If you have senior concerns that need to be taken to the State Legislature you can call Bill (939- 5479) or John (254-2201) now and discuss it with either of them. I will

announce the third CSL representative in the next issue.

Many of you are aware of the strength of the California Senior Legislators in carrying Senior messages to the State Legislature. The State of California is divided into 33 areas and each area can elect the two Assemblymen and one Senator every two years. This body of Legislators meets then in October with their priority items as brought to them by the Seniors of their area. The priority items are reviewed and the group forms a list of priorities in order of their importance. The top ten priorities are taken to State Legislators concerned with Senior issues for bill writing. Bills are drafted and presented to the next session of the Legislature for action. The CSL representative then goes back to the area and drums up support for positive action on these bills when they come before committees and to the Governor's desk. It is the letters and phone calls of the Seniors at this time that help to determine the outcome of the bills that have been presented. So, you, as Seniors, have a strong group



of representatives in the CSL carrying your voice to Sacramento. If you have Senior issues of importance don't just keep them to yourself. Call your California Senior Legislator!



## MORE MEMORIES OF THE MUD FLATS

By Al Franco

I too can remember the "Mud Flats", but since Allan and Gene were a little older than I am they were in a different league and a different time period. The real fun was to go down there to play football after it had just rained, when the mud flats were really the mud flats. (*Those were the days when California had rain*). Despite the fact that I knew I would be punished for getting my clothes dirty, (*washing clothes in those days was no easy chore*) I still couldn't resist the temptation of getting in a game when one was in progress. The longer we played the muddier the ground got. The running backs could make almost as much yardage sliding after they had been tackled as they could running the ball. We used to play games down there that would put most Super Bowl games to shame.

One of the other joys of the mud flats was to go there in a model A Ford owned by one of the gang and spin donuts in the mud. I can still remember the exhilarating feeling of speeding around the slippery ground, holding on for dear life, not knowing whether the top heavy car could make tight circles without tipping over. But someone somewhere was looking out for us and fortunately no one was hurt too badly.

My thanks to Allan Smith for refreshing the memories of the Mud Flats for me.

*(Al lives in Sumner, Washington and is busy editing and publishing a news letter for the Tacoma Humane Society where he is a volunteer. Keep them coming!)*



## A-MID TRIVIA

By Mid Dornan (234-5334)

No one ever ruined his eyesight by looking at the bright side of things.

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Does anyone else entering the Point via Cutting Boulevard after dark find the spotlight on the 1001 Tech Center building, corner Garrard and Cutting, blinding and wish it could be adjusted?

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Plucky Ed Palenchar is recuperating from his third heart bypass and is already driving his wife, Josephine, shopping.

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Also suffering a heart attack was Fernando Bellati, husband of Marj, and is undergoing tests to determine treatment.

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A thrifty young fellow of Shoreham Made brown paper trousers and woreham;

He looked nice and neat  
Till he bent in the street  
To pick up a pin; then he toreham.

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Q: Why can't a bank keep a secret?

A: 'Cause its full of tellers!

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Pheasants in Point Richmond? Tom Butt has secured a pair of chicks who were promptly joined by a wild female. (*She must have come from the 'old' Point!*) Wife Shirley declares she has no intention of ever finding them on her table.

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1990 census figures put Richmond's population at 87,425 which is nearly 13,000 above the 1980 figure of 74,676. This is good news as it

means more state and federal money.

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In 1940 Richmond boasted a population of 23,640 before WWII when in 1945 it soared to 120,000.

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Did you know that Arline Rodini-Hartman has started a private practice in counseling in San Rafael, just 15 minutes from her home in Point Richmond where she's lived for the past 30 years? She says her background in art serves her well when working with clients who have difficulty accessing their experiences verbally. She would like to serve clients in the Point but doesn't know if there is enough interest to support a practice here. She invites anyone who has an opinion on that to give her a call at 234-5144.

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Before we get too nostalgic over 25-cent postage stamps, did you know the caloric content of the glue on 10 postage stamps is equal to 1 calorie? And, that the post office gets the most requests to honor Elvis Presley with a stamp? Or that Booker T. Washington was the first black American to appear on a U.S. postage stamp, issue date April 7, 1940?

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The Richmond Library is trying to record residents' roles in the making of history. They are seeking information, including photographs, about all Richmond residents serving in the war, either in the Middle East or at home, to help record history as it happens. Friends or relatives are asked to take descriptions and photographs of Richmond men and women involved in the war to the library, 325 Civic Center Plaza, or



# Childhood Memories of The Point Richmond Triangle

By Wm. L. Thompson

**William L. Thompson, often called Louis by his friends, was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909, lived on Scenic Avenue, graduated from Richmond Union High School and was the first native Richmondite to go through medical school. Dr. Thompson began his practice in 1940 at 9th & Macdonald, later moving to 32nd & Macdonald until that building was sold at which time he moved to an office on Broadway. In 1979, at age 70 and after 39 years, he retired officially from medical practice. However, his many loyal, local patients continue to call him for advice.**

**Thanks to Dr. Thompson for his valuable contributions to our archives.**

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**"The triangle formed by Washington Avenue, Park Place and Richmond Avenue was, from the beginning, the business center of Point Richmond. My early memories start about 1913. There are still many similarities but the personnel was then quite different."**

## PART TWO

The entire apex of the triangle was occupied by the library. I recall going there often with my older sister and I remember the gentle little gray haired lady librarian who sometimes had to tell me to

hush up. The library was an amazing place to me with its many stacks of books.

At the very point of the triangle, standing like a figurehead on the bow of a ship, was the original indian statue.. It was most heroic in appearance and very impressive but it was more than a simple statue. It had water fountains for adults and children as well as small drinking basins at its foot for dogs and cats and a larger front basin which could have been used by horses. The indian itself physically and culturally resembled the plains indians more than the local tribes but it was an honor to them never-the-less.

Continuing northward down Washington Avenue on the right I remember the old Lang Drug Store which soon moved over to Macdonald Avenue, in Richmond. In about the same area, possibly in the same building was a newspaper and stationary store. The Andrew family owned it and Mrs. Andrews ran it for many years mostly by herself. I recall her well as quiet, helpful middle aged lady. I have been told that there was a newspaper agency there before the Andrews. My

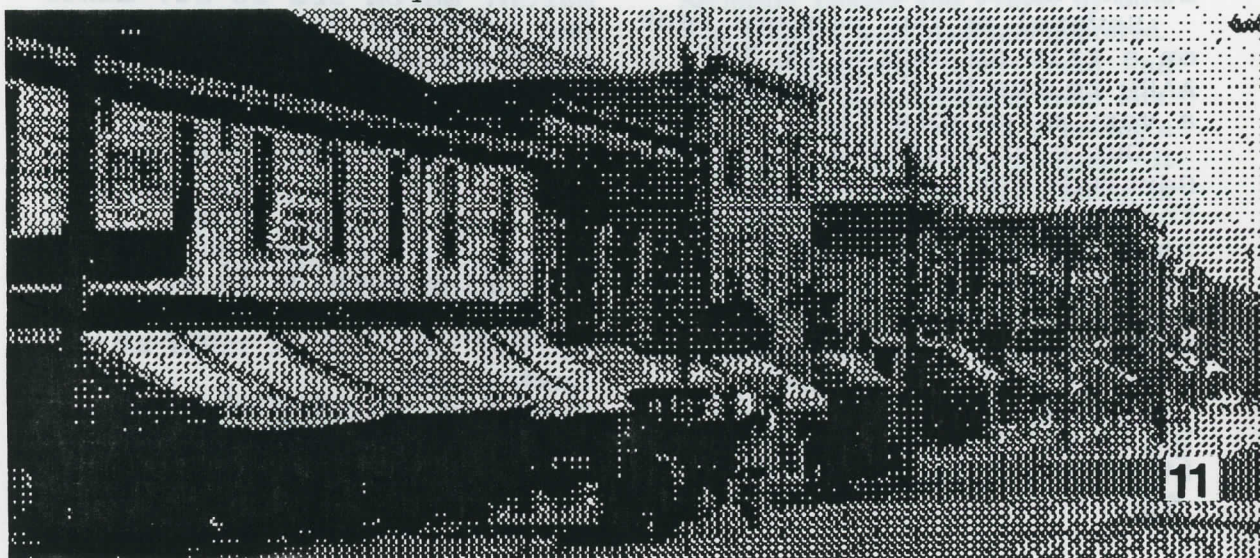


sister-in-law thinks that it was operated by the Caseys but I am not sure of that.

There were two Kenny saloons and cigar stores along the street. The one I recall best was at the junction with Standard Avenue. It has changed hands several times and is now called The Spot. Across the street on the northwest side of Washington Avenue was McRacken's clothing store which I think was called "The Hub". It was somewhat more elaborate than Elsie's store and I believe that it catered mostly to men's clothing. It also was moved over to Macdonald Avenue in Richmond when greater growth there promised more business.

Down the street at the junction with Cottage Avenue was the old Colonial Hotel. When it was built it was probably the most elegant building in Point Richmond. Later this building deteriorated but improved when it was taken over by the

McAfee family and the name was changed to the Hotel Mac. Its upper two stories were rooming house and hotel rooms with a dining room below. The corner of the building was a barber shop run by Gus Gilg who lived up on Scenic Avenue not far from the old Baptist Church. Gus was a fine barber. He originally came from Basel, Switzerland at the point on the Rhine River where France, Germany and Switzerland meet. I recall that at one time he returned there for a short visit. His shop was not only a barber shop but had bathing facilities. Most rooming houses and some dwellings in early Richmond did not have bathrooms. Here, for a small fee one would get a towel and soap and have a well needed bath. I recall several times when, as a child, I was sitting in the barber chair and someone would come in to bathe. Gus would go in behind to the bathing sector.





## MEMORIES of DOROTHY C. LIPP

charge of by the Mite Box Secretary, Mrs. Seaton. A short program preceded the Mite Box opening.

A song by Althea Townsend and Uldine Adams.

A reading by Mrs. Seaton was much enjoyed. 8 Mite boxes were opened and contained \$6.00.

Delightful refreshments were served by the Refreshment Committee under the able leadership of Mrs. Patterson as chairman.

Mrs. Gillet gave her name as a member.

Upon motion it was ordered that the Treasurer send the Mite box money to the Conference Treasurer to be used where most needed.

Ten cents additional rec'd on refreshment fund.

Total of Thank Offering \$2.97

Dues .30

Mite Boxes 6.10

\$ 9.47

Nettie Grover, Sec

Rereading "This Point" brought back a thousand memories. I manage to return once a year, at least, for the annual Christmas luncheon at the First Methodist Church. That's a happy reunion.

It will be difficult to capsule the emotional jolts I get from reading the stories.

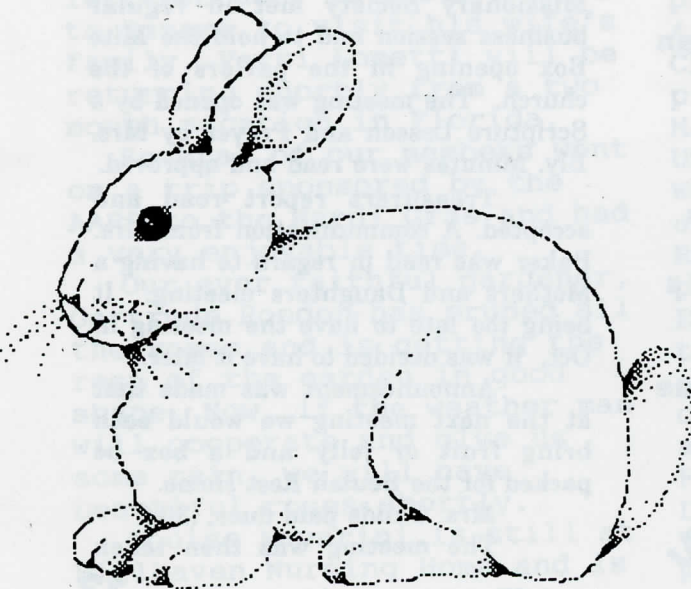
Since our various addresses included Scenic Avenue, Nicholl, Montana, Crest and across from Cozy Cove many neighbors and school friends remain etched in my mind and some in my heart.

I note a familiar name; one who said he'd run out of memories. Let me jog his memory a bit. Does he remember when we were assigned the job of cleaning the erasers after school? We took them out in front of Washington School and banged them on the curb. An argument developed and I hit him over the head with a book. He took after me and I took refuge in the garbage can in the alley of Stevatters Market. It must have been live BB.

The names Bill Thompson calls to mind had me awake most of one night shaking out some almost forgotten incidents.

Some of the experiences have been put in essay form for another publication but if you'd like, I'll send you copies.

We are the sum total of our experience and the real wealth of my background (and thankfully current) is my life long association with Ruth Weston Mullen. She was always there for me through the years from 4th grade on. Our daily drop in on





Tranny (Dornan) after school was our "clearing house" of local news.

Wednesday "Ladies Aid" meeting at Mrs. Dunlops was a delight. The only time I was permitted to wear my best blue hair ribbons and 'Mary Janes', other than Sundays.

Roy Jones thoughtfully sends me the magazine and so as I read it cover to cover I return in memory to classroom teachers, Miss Axtell, Miss Lucas, Miss Thompson, Miss Whitehead, Miss Kirkhouse, Miss Nason, later Ivan Hill.

But then, I also remember the fright of having my tonsils removed in Dr. C.L. Abbots' office upstairs over the bank. "Local" he called it but I'll bet they heard me as far north as 10th Street!

No bologna ever tastes as good as the butcher gave us 'free' and no bread has ever tasted as good as the fresh smell from the bakery. Even the "butter balls" and "juju bubs" from Cosy Cove Candy lasted longer, so did the licorice whips from Neidecker's Drug Store. The "Napoleons" from Hotel Mac were more delicious than the fancy confections I "sampled" in Vienna. (Leave my scales out of this!)

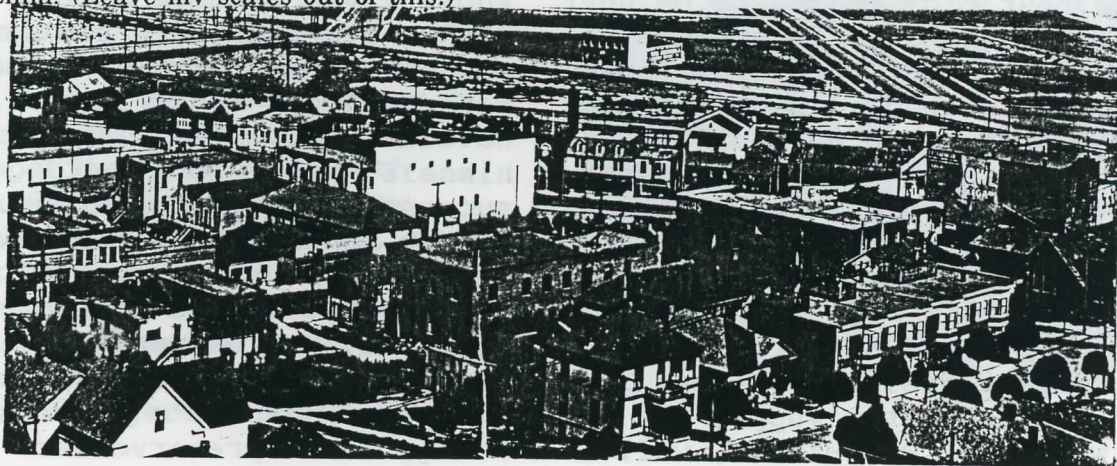
Eleanor Hurley and Charlotte Woods I keep track of, but what has happened to Stanley Jenkins, Virgil Fenner? Isabel, Alice, George and Ridge Greathouse? Blossom, Irene and Gertrude Carey? Mary Camerlo, August Bernes, the Dunlaps, Ellen Burton, the Adams family, Angeline Bernardi, Paula Campbell?

The lessons I was forced to take from the violin teacher, Professor Fox and the 'elocution' lessons all were of no avail. The dance lessons from Carrie Elsworth "took". I danced the next twenty years away-mentally.

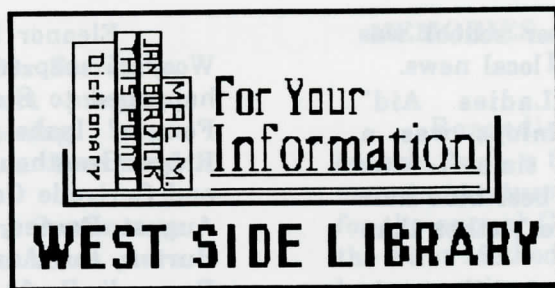
Phoenix got a work-out, he has raised his head many times in my life, hopefully he'll make it one more time, there's more to do for this old girl!

Sincerely,  
Dorothy C. Lipp.

*(Dorothy, we'd love to have copies of the experiences you have put into essay form. Thanks for writing, thanks for reading and letting us know how you enjoy our publication, and let this be the first of many more articles to come! Dorothy lives in Sacramento.)*







By Jan Burdick

### ***New books at the West Side.....***

*The following titles have been ordered from McNaughton Co. and should be at West Side in a month or so. They are new books by three familiar authors. Because the books are not in hand the comments are those taken from the catalogs of the respective publishing houses.*

ALICE ADAMS

***Caroline's Daughter.*** San Francisco. The 1980's. The interconnected lives of a mother and her five daughters (by three marriages). Caroline Carter, "almost rich and almost old", happy to be near her daughters, is strangely uneasy about the lives they seem to lead... Sage, 41, a "bravely unsuccessful" ceramist, has a too handsome, to young, probably unfaithful husband... Liza, 35, the sister everyone counts on, is the victim of a "perfect" life which keeps her from her deepest desire... Fiona, 33, is a four-star yuppie - well-off, well-known, well

turned-out, and blindingly self-absorbed... Jill, a 31-year old lawyer, supplements her more than adequate income in a startling and scandalous way... Portia, 25, a sometime poet, sometime horticulturist, is a magnet for "more trials and more errors than most people seem to encounter."

JAMES MICHENER

***The Novel.*** Set in Pennsylvania Dutch country and New York City, The Novel tells an exciting story about people whose lives revolve around books: a writer, his editor and publisher, a critic, and a reader. Lucas Yoder is a novelist who, like Michener himself, has a long and successful literary career. Now he wants to try something different, even as mysterious and violent events in his community are happening. Inside the frenetic world of publishing, Yoder's editor struggles to preserve her



integrity. Her firm becomes the target of a corporate takeover, and she copes with a crisis that threatens Yoder's career and her own. A critic and teacher of literature struggles with his feelings about Yoder's success as his own ambitions for himself clash with his hopes for the work of his young students. Finally, it is a woman who has long been an avid reader who helps Yoder solve the frightening events that are brutalizing his community.

PAUL THEROUX

**Chicago Loop.** From one of America's preeminent writers, a chilling psychological horror story of sexual obsession. It's a hot Chicago summer. Prowling through murky bars and stifling streets, a man soon to be dubbed the "wolfman" in the tabloid press is about to crash through the boundaries of desire.

Parker Jagoda is a successful Chicago real estate man - a solid citizen with a wife and kid and a house in the suburbs. But strange appetites churn beneath Parker's straight-arrow facade. With his wife, he plays kinky fantasy games in seedy motel rooms. But for the women he meets through personal ads, he had other, more dangerous games in mind,

games that will finally satisfy his ravening sexual hunger, and plunge him - and us - toward a horrifying conflagration of guilt and desire.

#### TAX FORMS

*For your convenience West Side has both federal and state tax forms (basic form, instructions and some additional schedules) which can be picked up during library hours. In addition there are reproducible forms for other schedules. There are no duplicating facilities at West Side but this service is available at Point Richmond Print Shop.*







## Deaths.....

**DEATH:** Herbert A. Bill, 66, died in Salem, Oregon on February 1, 1991. He was a native of the Point and lived most of his life here .

Afflicted with polio as a young man, Herb lost use of his arms and survived in an Iron Lung in those days. His sense of humor was unparalleled. Once, when asked if he planned to attend the Washington PTA Parent Talent Show, he replied, "Yes, but don't expect me to applaud any of you!"

Mr. Bill was retired after 20 years as a teacher with the Richmond Unifed School District, a position he continued after combatting polio. Students were assigned to assist the popular teacher with books but he was most adept at opening doors and writing with his feet. He had a special automobile provided by the Polio Foundation that he drove with his feet. Passing autos would star in disbelief as the steering wheel of the car would turn rounding the corner and no hands were in sight! This never failed to amuse Herb and although his spine was fused at the neck, he would twist to the left and the smirk on his face was evident.

He was a member of the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; California Retired Teachers Association and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, Richmond, who was his physical therapist; sons, Donald Bill, San Jose; David Massey, Mesa, Arizona and Gary Massey of Salem, Oregon; daughters



Joann Cannon, Donna Bill and Barbara Gwyn, all of Salem and Pamela Selzer of Bremerton, Washington; a sister, Patricia Pearson of Sacramento; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Brookside Hospital Respiratory Therapy Dept, 2000 Vale, Road, San Pablo, 98406.



**DEATH:** Ruth E. Peterson, 79, died on February 23, 1991 at her Point Richmond home. She was a native and lifetime resident of the Point.

Ruth is survived by her nephews, Ralph Peterson of the Point; Erik Palko, Fresno; Peter Palko, Concord and Patrick Palko, Napa and nieces Rosalind Peterson, Ukiah; and Signe Peterson of Italy.

A memorial service was held at Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries with Rev. Paul Schultze officiating.



## RONI M. ROSELIOUS TURNER

December 14, 1955 - February 22, 1991

Roni Marlene Roselius Turner, 35, died in her home in Sonora on Friday, February 22nd. A memorial service was held on Sunday, February 24th with standing room only at the funeral home as evidence of the many lives touched by Roni. Memorial tributes spoke of her love of family, children and life. Her caring about others; how much she continued to give back, manifold, to others her talents and gifts. Her short life was depicted as a happy one, useful and full of compassion for others. Seeing the need for a Support Group as she accepted her own illness she reached out to start one so others could share their concerns.

Born in Berkeley, California, Roni attended Washington School in the Point, and graduated from Harry Ells in 1974. She is survived by her husband of 14 years, Michael, 7 year old son, Eric and 18 month old daughter, Kyli, Sonora; her parents, Donna and Rosy Roselius, Port Orford, Oregon; sister, Jodi Bagley, Tucson, Arizona and grandfather, Art Boie, Minnesota.

Traveling to Sonora to share in the Memorial were Arlene Rodini-Hartman, Liz McDonald and Mid Dornan.

Memorials may be sent to Michael Turner, 16748 Sallander Dr., Sonora, CA 95370 who will forward them to the support group or the center for Children's Needs.

The following is a poem that was posted in her home and read by her husband, Michael, at the memorial.

## EXCUSE THIS HOUSE

Some houses try to hide the fact that  
children shelter there

Ours boast of it quite openly  
The signs are everywhere.

For smears are on the windows--

Little smudges on the doors;  
I should apologize I guess for toys  
strewn on the floor.

But I sat down with children and we  
played and laughed and read.

And if the doorbell doesn't shine  
Their eyes will shine instead.

For when at times I'm forced to choose  
The one job or the other.

I want to be a housewife--

But, first I'll be a Mother.

## March Birthdays

### 234-5334

Bernice Shows  
Karolyn  
Macdiarmid  
Virginia Cherniak  
JoAnn Bray  
Carol Darling  
Ramona Robbins  
GIRL SCOUTS  
Carl Paasch  
Noraleen Dowell  
Marie  
Wilson-Dietz  
Brian Richardson  
Alexandra  
Gautraud  
Maxine Mayer

Susan Berman  
Dale Hawkins  
Carol Paasch  
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Don Hain  
Dolly Frosini  
Reba Downs  
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# **CALENDAR**

## **MARCH**

**March 5**                      **Fashion Show from Women's Westside Improvement Club, 12:30 pm, Our Lady of Mercy Church, meeting hall**

**Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Community Center**

**March 13**                      **Point Richmond Business Association Meeting, Noon, The Hotel Mac**

**March 17**                      **St. Patrick's Day**

**March 21**                      **First Day of Spring**

**March 22**                      **Deadline for the April TPIT issue**

**March 24**                      **Palm Sunday**

**March 28**                      **History Association General Meeting, 7:30 PM, Community Center**

**March 29**                      **Good Friday**

**March 30**                      **Passover**

**Easter Egg Dying Contest, Noon - 4:00 pm  
Point Richmond Community Center**

**March 31**                      **Easter Sunday**

**April 1**                        **All Fools Day (Lirpa Loof)**

**April 2**                        **Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting, 7:30 PM, Community Center**